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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

FORM NO. I

(See Rule 7)

DECLARATION

The 16th December, 2023

S.R.O. NO. 851/2023—Whereas, it was alleged that Sri Abhay Kant Pathak, S/o. Late Lakshmi Kanta Pathak of Vill/ Po. – Bishnupur, P.S – Parbatta, Dist. – Khagaria, State – Bihar, At/Pr. – Flat No.101, Biswanath Villa, Plot No.2782/3758, Vivekananda Marg, Goutam Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Dist.– Khurda while holding high public office in the State of Odisha as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Plan, Programme & Afforestation), Odisha, Bhubaneswar committed an offence under Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the P.C (Amendment) Act, 2018 and that the matter was investigated in Vigilance Cell P.S. Case No.06, dated the 27th November, 2020.

AND, WHEREAS, on scrutiny of relevant materials available on record, the State Government is of the opinion that there is prima facie case of Commission of the offence by Sri Abhay Kant Pathak, who has accumulated properties disproportionate to his known sources of income by resorting to corrupt means;

AND, WHEREAS, it is felt necessary and expedient by the Government that the said offender should be tried by the Special Court established under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of Special Courts Act, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 5 of Special Courts Act, 2006 (Orissa Act 9 of 2007), the State Government do hereby declare that the said offence shall be dealt with under the Special Courts Act, 2006.

[No.1384/C.]

SANTOSH BALA
Special Secretary to Government